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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, EAID, EFIN

SUBJECT: BRUSSELS MEETING ON ZAIRE: ESSENTIAL  
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

REF: A) BRUSSELS 11652, B) BRUSSELS 11653

1. SUMMARY. A WORKING GROUP UNDER BELGIAN  
CHAIRMANSHIP (ELOY) MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN  
THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 13 TO CONSIDER ZAIRE'S  
SHORT-TERM (3 MONTHS) ESSENTIAL IMPORT AND ASSIS-  
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TANCE NEEDS. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE DATA IN  
THE TABLE ON "INDISPENSABLE NEEDS DURING THREE  
MONTHS" ON P. 17 OF THE GOZ DOCUMENT "MAIN  
FACTORS OF THE MOBUTU PLAN" AND ON AN UPDATED  
BELGIAN SUMMARY OF TWO PAGES MAINLY BASED UPON  
INFO PROVIDED BY KINSHASA EMBASSIES OF GROUP OF FIVE.  
THE BOTTOM LINE TOTALLED \$121 MILLION FOR THREE

MONTHS OF IMPORTS, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: A) FUELS (\$24 MILLION), B) MEDICINES AND EQUIPMENT (\$4 MILLION) C) FOODSTUFFS (\$38 MILLION), D) SPARES (\$13 MILLION) AND E) RAW MATERIALS (\$42 MILLION). A STATEMENT IN THE MOBUTU PLAN DOCUMENT DESCRIBED THESE AMOUNTS AS REPRESENTING HALF OF ZAIRE'S CURRENCY NEEDS DURING THE THREE MONTHS IN QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

2. BOTH THE U.S. AND U.K. DELS POINTED OUT THAT THE GOZ'S LIST OF "INDISPENSABLE NEEDS" WAS MORE OR LESS EQUIVALENT TO ONE-EIGHTH OF A YEAR'S ANNUAL IMPORTS, THAT WE NEEDED INFORMATION ON THE GOZ'S OWN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE BEING ABLE TO JUDGE THE DEGREE OF URGENT SHORTAGES, AND THAT SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE LIST DID NOT FACILITATE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. U.S. DEL POINTED OUT THAT THE FIGURES FOR FUELS WAS HIGHER (\$16 MILLION PER MONTH VS. \$12 MILLION PER MONTH) THAN THE NUMBER RECORDED BY THE GROUP OF FIVE REPS IN KINSHASA AND THAT THE CATEGORY OF "RAW MATERIALS" VALUED AT \$42 MILLION ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THE LIST OF "URGENT NEEDS" WHICH HAD NOT BEEN ANALYZED THOROUGHLY. (THE BELGIAN CHAIRMAN HAD DESCRIBED THE LIST AS THOUGH IT WAS A "CONSENSUS" DOCUMENT OF KINSHASA EMBASSIES.)

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THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION, IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE BELGIANS WERE SETTING THE STAGE FOR COMMITMENTS ON IMMEDIATE SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE PRIMARILY FOR ZAIRE'S URBAN CENTER EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON FOOD NEEDS OF KINSHASA, SHABA, BAS-ZAIRE AND BANDUNDU. IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT GOZ'S ABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE THE GOZ DELEGATION OFFERED TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL "MIXED COMMISSION" TO ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE THE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. THE BELGIAN CHAIRMAN OPINED (PREMATURELY) AS HOW THERE SEEMED TO BE A CONSENSUS OF THE WORKING GROUP BEHIND THIS IDEA, BUT THE U.K., JAPAN, ITALIAN, FRENCH, U.S., IRANIAN, AND CANADA REPS RESERVED. THE REP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, OFFERED AT THE BELGIAN CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT ACCEPT A COORDINATING ROLE FOR THE "MIXED COMMISSION" IF THE GOZ AND OTHER DONORS AGREED.

3. TWO DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE LEVELS THAT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THE WEST GERMANS INDICATED THEY WERE READY TO DELIVER

DM ONE MILLION IN MEDICINES, DM FIVE MILLION IN FOOD  
AND DM 25 MILLION IN SPARE PARTS FOR RAIL, ROAD AND  
RIVER TRANSPORT. THE BELGIANS IDENTIFIED A TOTAL  
OF \$15.5 MILLION COMPOSED OF \$11.5 MILLION IN SPARES  
PARTS AND THE BALANCE IN FOOD AND MEDICINE.

4. WE EXPECT IN THE PLENARY MEETING ON JUNE 14  
TO FACE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURES FROM THE BELGIAN AND  
GOZ FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. WE PLAN TO POINT OUT

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WE ARE "IN A POSITION" THROUGH OUR FY 78 PL480 TITLE I  
AND SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE SOME OF  
THE FOOD AND SPARE PARTS REQUIREMENTS ON THE LIST OF  
IMPORT NEEDS WITHIN THE THREE MONTH TIMEFRAME,  
BUT THAT WE NEED FIRST TO RECEIVE AND EVALUATE MORE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (A) REFORMS IN GOZ ECONOMIC  
MANAGEMENT, (B) GOZ'S OWN CAPABILITY TO FINANCE  
IMPORTS DURING THIS PERIOD, (C) WHAT OTHER DONORS

ARE PREPARED TO DO, AND (D) EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION  
OF ANY ASSISTANCE. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED  
"MIXED COMMISSION", WE PLAN TO SAY THAT WE RECOGNIZE  
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THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFICIENCY IN DISTRIBUTION OF  
ASSISTANCE, BUT WANT TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF THE  
"MIXED COMMISSION" IN MORE DEPTH BEFORE MAKING ANY  
COMMITMENTS. CHAMBERS

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